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MEMORANDUM TO: Office of General Counsel
FROM : Deputy Director of Security
SUBJECT : Automobile Accident 23 April 1954
REFERENCE : [REDACTED] Memorandum dated 19 January 1955
with Complete Case File Attached

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1. Reference is made to the attached case file on the [REDACTED] automobile accident which occurred 23 April 1954. This file is being referred to your office for review and appropriate action.

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2. You will note that the Government Employees Insurance Company has appealed the Government's denial of liability in the instant case on the grounds that their client was not exceeding the legal speed limit (55 mile speed zone) and a contention that their client did have his vehicle under sufficient control and could have cleared the [REDACTED] vehicle had this vehicle not skidded into a position blocking both the inside and outside West bound traffic lane.

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3. In view of the insurance company's position with respect to this case and the possibility that they may take the case into court, it is suggested that consideration be given to providing [REDACTED] with legal counsel authorized to act on behalf of the Commanding Officer [REDACTED] in conducting direct negotiations with the Government Employees Insurance Company with a view towards reaching an out-of-court settlement of the original claim.

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4. Any action taken with regard to Subject claim should be handled so as to avoid compromising the cover status of [REDACTED]

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